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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Requirements Staff, DDI
THROUGH: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
SUBJECT: Update of DCID 1/2, "U.S. Intelligence Objectives and Priorities"
REFERENCE: (a) USIB-D-5.1/18, 18 July 1972
(b) Memo to DD/S&T from DD/CI dated 24 July 1972, Same Subject

1. OSI has reviewed DCID 1/2 and has the following comments on the four specific questions in paragraph 4 of reference a:

- a. While DCID 1/2 indicates the relative intelligence significance of a given subject by country, we find that we make little use of the document to program our research and finished intelligence. We know without reference to DCID 1/2 what are the more important objectives and their relative priorities that we must take into account in programming the Office effort. But our programming begins with an objective which then is broken into component parts for detailed analysis and in this process DCID 1/2 is of little or no assistance.
- b. The usefulness of DCID 1/2 could be enhanced by a reduction in the number of priorities to 4 or 5 and more selectivity in the statements of US intelligence needs. As it now is presented, DCID 1/2 can be used to justify almost any activity that an Agency wishes to pursue.

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- c. (1) The DCID does not address the question of SALT monitoring, a very important question for OSI. The relevant substantive areas for such monitoring are given a high priority but not in the overall context of treaty verification. Such activities might well deserve a separate categorization to highlight the great relevance of verification within the intelligence community.
- (2) The priority assigned Objective 59 (Basic science and technology) for the People's Republic of China should be raised from 4 to 3 -- the same as that assigned this objective for the USSR.
- d. Overall, the formats of the statement of objectives, the definitions, and the matrix appear to be acceptable but it is questionable whether any of these are actually used in establishing Agency programs. Some brief description of the method used to establish the priorities would probably be helpful in convincing the reader of their validity.

2. OSI still supports the memorandum of 4 August 1971 from Chairman, JAEIC (copy attached) which suggested certain changes, many of which have not been accepted.



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Attachment:
JAEIC Memorandum dated
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